

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Karsten EMRICH et al.

Title: HEAT EXCHANGER, ESPECIALLY A CHARGE-AIR COOLER FOR MOTOR VEHICLES

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Documents A1 and A2 listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 are in English and were cited in a Chinese Office Action issued in a counterpart Chinese application on January 18, 2008. An English-language translation of the Chinese Office Action is attached. According to the English translation of the Chinese Office Action obtained by Applicants' representative, the Chinese Patent Office made certain characterizations of the references. As noted, the characterizations of the Chinese Patent Office noted above are based on an English translation obtained by Applicants' representative. The disclosure of these characterizations should not be construed as an admission of or agreement with the opinions expressed in the Chinese Office Action.

A copy of U.S. Application Publication No. 2002/0144805 A1 cited in the Chinese Office Action is not being provided since it was previously submitted to the United States Patent & Trademark Office in the above-identified application on October 11, 2005.

Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Although Applicants believe that no fee is required for this Request, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Request to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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